

What if church was a verb? Rethink Church. *Be church.*

Rethink Church, Alliance UMC, Sept. 10-11

Friday, September 10—Facilitator Training Day

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Opening Devotion (Rev. Charles Murithi)
- 9:15 a.m. Rethink Church—What it means to Rethink Church (Trisha Johnson)
- 9:45 a.m. Your Work as Facilitator (Kathryn Witte)
- Organizer—environment, details, resources and materials
 - Promoter—help congregation, cluster or district promote event
 - Teacher—sensitive to learning styles
 - Facilitator—leader, teacher, creator of flow
 - Relationship builder—connectional nature of the church, you are an advocate, brand representative for the United Methodist Church
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Learning/Teaching Styles (Kathryn Witte and Trisha Johnson)
- Learning Styles identification followed by a small group activity
 - Small group activity, how would to teach someone how to fish using a different learning style than your own? Report out.
- 11:15 a.m. Servant Leadership/Leadership Styles (Kathryn Witte)
- What is a servant leader... traits, qualities, activity?
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Diversity (Trisha Johnson)
- 25 Ways to Affirm Diversity
- 2:00 p.m. The Art of Facilitation (Kathryn Witte)
- Tips and Resources
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. Resources and Support
- Tour of Packet Materials, Tour of Moodle (an online resource)
- 3:30 p.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. End of Facilitator Training Day

Friday Evening, September 10 –Rethink Church. *Be Church.*

- 5:00 p.m. Evening Registration
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Entertainment
- 7:30 p.m. The Church That Left the Building (Panel Discussion, Q & A)
- 9:00 p.m. End of Day

Saturday, September 11—Rethink Church. *Be Church.*

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. There is No Place Like Nebraska and Nobody Like John Wesley
Centering on God—Morning Devotion
- 9:15 a.m. What is Rethink Church? (Kathryn Witte and Trisha Johnson)
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Morning Sessions—Fellowship Hall
Welcoming (Trisha Johnson)
How to be a welcoming congregation.
Mission Outreach (Presenter TBA)
Impact Community, Risk-taking Mission and Justice, Volunteers in Mission
MissionInstitute (Rev. Seth Leypoldt)
Demographic studies of your church area are available. How do you use them?
Revitalizing the Church (District Superintendent Harold Backus)
How to invigorate the small, rural congregation.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Sessions
Identity (Kathryn Witte)
Branding, mission, vision and the church discipleship plan.
Technology and Find-a-Church (Trisha Johnson)
Children and Young People's Ministry
Reach and Teach and other tools for young people's ministry.
Stewardship and the Importance of the Tithe (Bill Hasemeyer)
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Small Group Work—So what? Now what?
Small group work to springboard initiating work back in the local church.
- 3:40 p.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. End of Day